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REPORTING OFFICE PHILADELPHIA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN PHILADELPHIA	DATE 7/9/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/14 - 7/8/64
TITLE OF CASE UNSUB; aka. Frankie (Carbo) Lanza; CASSIUS CLAY - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]	TYPED BY mjjz
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

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Report of SA [Redacted] dated 5/6/64 at Philadelphia.
 Louisville letter to Philadelphia dated 6/8/64.
 Denver letter to Philadelphia dated 6/12/64.

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Information copies of this report being furnished
 Louisville and Miami due to their interest in this case.

Informants

On May 14, 1964.

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[Redacted] Louisville, Ky., advised
 that [Redacted] is very uncertain in [Redacted]

[Redacted] CLAY's residence
 address as of May 14, 1964, is the Hotel Teresa at New York City.

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Report of:
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[redacted] July 9, 1964

Office: PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA b6
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Field Office File No.:

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Bureau File No.: 9-41997

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
aka Frankie (Carbo) Lanza;
CASSIUS CLAY - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: CHARLES "SONNY" LISTON, heavyweight boxer, interviewed and advised no knowledge of possible suspect who may threaten CLAY. LISTON advised of receipt of numerous "crank" letters from irate boxing fans. USA, EDPA., advised that although the two pertinent letters constitute a technical violation of the Extortion Statute, the letters concern an individual who would be in such a position to be the recipient of "crank" letters. USA declined prosecution as the instant letters appear to be the "crank" type.

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DETAILS: On June 2, 1964, Mr. [redacted] was recontacted [redacted] at which time he advised nothing has come to his attention since last contacted which would appear pertinent to this investigation.

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On June 18, 1964, Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] advised nothing pertinent has come to his attention concerning CASSIUS CLAY since last contacted in this matter.

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On June 19, 1964, [redacted] and ARNOLD GIVONETTI, [redacted] personal affairs manager, respectively, [redacted] both advised nothing has come to their attention which would appear pertinent to this investigation. Both stated that crank letters and calls from irate fans are not uncommon.

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[redacted] noted that this home is rented for CLAY by [redacted]
recently CLAY's [redacted]

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Date June 10, 19641

CHARLES SONNY LISTON, former World Heavyweight Champion, was contacted at the AMID Karate Club, 1019 South Gaylord, Denver, Colorado, where he is presently training and advised of the threatening letter received concerning CASSIUS CLAY signed by FRANKIE (CARBO) LANZA.

Mr. LISTON, who resides at 3395 Monaco Parkway, Denver, phone 333-8193, advised he was not acquainted with anyone by the name of FRANKIE (CARBO) LANZA and could furnish no information as to the identity of any individual who would threaten CASSIUS CLAY.

Mr. LISTON pointed out that he is familiar with most of the boxing element in the Philadelphia area but once again said he could not recall ever meeting or hearing of one FRANKIE (CARBO) LANZA.

He stated he was acquainted with and knew of one FRANK CARBO but not FRANKIE (CARBO) LANZA.

He stated he had just read in the paper the past day that FRANK CARBO and BLINKI PALERMO had their appeals concerning their recent extortion case turned down by the United States Supreme Court within the last few days and as a result thought both CARBO and PALERMO would now be incarcerated in a United States penitentiary.

Mr. LISTON further advised that after winning the Heavyweight Championship from PATTERSON, he received numerous "crank" letters from people throughout the United States but none of these letters contained any threats of physical harm to him.

On 6-5-64 at Denver, Colorado File # DN 9-1394

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He pointed out that he still does, on occasion, receive a crank letter from irate boxing fans, and that in the event he ever did receive any letter which contained a threat of physical harm to him, he would immediately notify the Denver FBI Office.

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On July 8, 1964, the facts of this investigation were discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] Eastern District of Pennsylvania, at which time he advised as follows:

Although the two letters in question appear to be a technical violation of the Extortion Statute, they appear to be "crank" letters concerning a person who is in such a position to be the recipient of such "crank" letters. He said that he would decline prosecution as he feels the letters are of the "crank" type.

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